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Re:

Comments of Boulder Broadcasting Company

Boulder, Montana

MM Docket No. 98-127; RM-9303

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Boulder Broadcasting Company are an original and four copies of its Comments in the above-referenced proceeding in support of the proposed allotment of Channel 299A at Boulder, Montana, as that community's first local aural transmission service. See Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, DA 98-1378 (released July 17, 1998).

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please communicate directly with this office.

Very truly yours,

FLETCHER, HEALD & HILDRETH, P.L.C.

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**Enclosure** 

cc (w/ encl.): Certificate of Service (by hand)

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In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b),

Table of Allotments,

FM Broadcast Stations,

MM Docket No. 98-127

RM-9303

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

(Boulder, Montana)

#### **COMMENTS**

Boulder Broadcasting Company ("BBC"), by counsel, and pursuant to Section 1.415 of the Commission's rules, hereby submits its comments in support of the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, DA 98-1378 (released July 17, 1998) ("NPRM"), proposing the allotment of Channel 299A to Boulder, Montana, as that community's first local aural transmission service.

BBC initiated this proceeding through its "Petition for Rulemaking," filed June 17, 1998. If the Commission should adopt its proposal and allot Channel 299A at Boulder, BBC hereby states that it will apply for a construction permit for a new FM station to operate on Channel 299A at Boulder, Montana, and, if its application is granted, will promptly construct the new facility to serve Boulder and the surrounding area as that community's first local broadcast service.

As noted in the *NPRM*, Channel 299A can be allotted to Boulder in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without a site restriction. Therefore, the proposed allotment of Channel 299A at Boulder, Montana, would serve the public interest.

WHEREFORE, in light of the foregoing, Boulder Broadcasting Company respectfully requests that Channel 299A be allotted to Boulder, Montana, as that community's first local aural transmission service.

Respectfully submitted,

BOULDER BROADCASTING COMPANY

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Crystal McElroy, a secretary in the law firm of Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C., hereby certify that on this 8th day of September, 1998, copies of the foregoing "Comments" were hand delivered or mailed first-class, postage prepaid, to the following:

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